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Examiner: E. C. Tran

RESPONSE

MS Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The present application has pending claims 9-12, 21-24 and 33-36 and 38.

Applicants note that the Examiner has not considered the references cited by the June 30, 2005 and March 28, 2001 Information Disclosure Statements. Copies of said Information Disclosure Statements are attached herewith for consideration by the Examiner. An indication that said Information Disclosure Statements has been considered is respectfully requested.

Claims 9-12, 21-24, 33-36 and 38 stand provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-7, 13-19, 25-31 and 37 of copending application Serial No. 09/784,254. Applicants do not agree with this rejection. However,